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SUBJECT: BREYTENBACH FOUND GUILTY.

REF: PRETORIA 3264.

1. AVANT-GARDE AFRIKANER POET BREYTEN BREYTENBACK WAS FOUND GUILTY NOV 25 ON VARIOUS CHARGES UNDER THE TERRORISM ACT. BREYTENBACH HAD PLEADED GUILTY TO THE INDICTMENT (COPY BEING POUCHED TO L/AF) WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, ON THE FIRST DAY NOV 21 OF HIS TRIAL IN PRETORIA SUPREME COURT. AMENDMENTS DELETED REFERENCES TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY, AND THE USE OF VIOLENCE. SENTENCING SHOULD TAKE PLACE NOV 26.

2. BREYTENBACH, WHO ENTERED SA IN DISGUISE IN AUGUST (REFTEL), TOLD COURT AFTER HEARING JUDGMENT THAT DURING DETENTION HE REALIZED HE HAD CHOSEN WRONG METHODS " TO WORK FOR GROWTH OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN CIVILIZATION... AND FUTURE." HE SAID HE WOULD NEVER "POISON" HIMSELF WITH POLITICS AGAIN.

3. FIVE DETAINEES WHO TESTIFIED DURING TWO DAYS OF
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TESTIMONY (MRS DURTEN ROHM, NORMAN LEWIS, KAREL TIP,

LARRY DWORKIN AND GLEN MOSS) HAVE BEEN GRANTED INDEMNITY
AGAINST PROSECUTION. ACCORDING TO INFORMED SOURCES, FIVE

OTHER WHITE DETAINED IN CONNECTION WITH CASE (JAMES
POLLEY, JENNY CURTIS, JERRY MARE, HORST KLEINSCHMIDT AND
GORDON YOUNG), PROBABLY ALSO WILL BE RELEASED, BUT THIS
HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED OFFICIALLY.
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